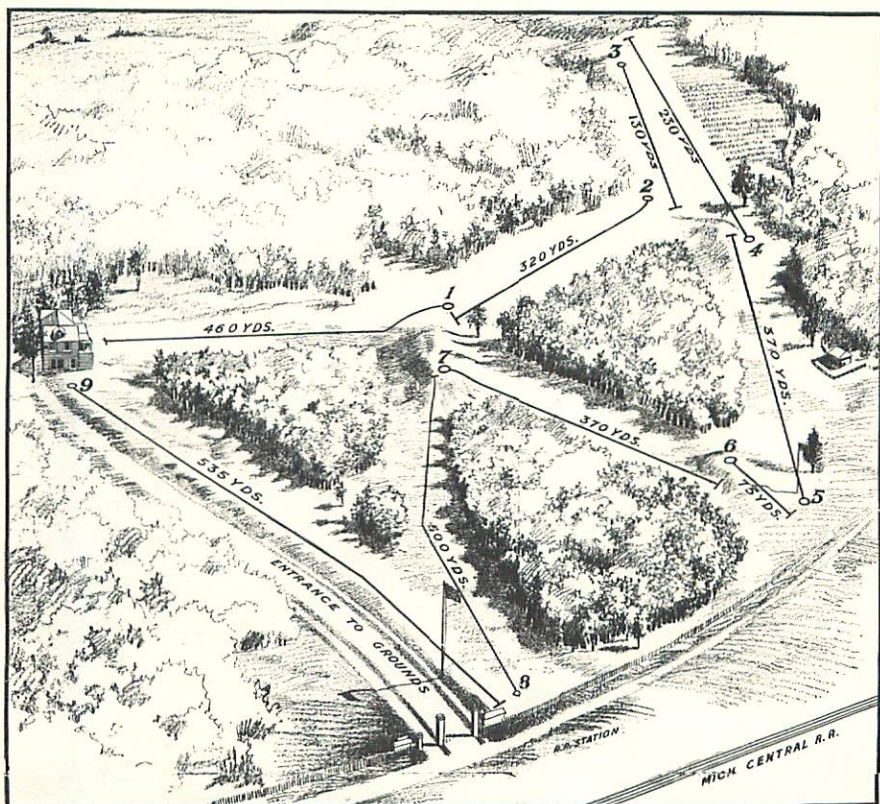
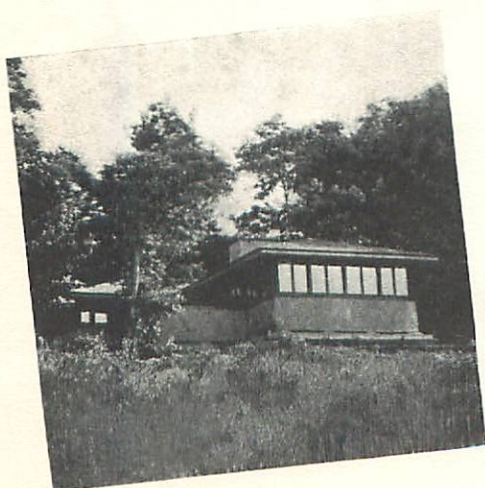


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A Beginning

Grand Beach, Michigan owes its start to the descriptive powers of a young advertising writer, who was commissioned by Mr. Floyd R. Perkins of the Fuller Advertising Co. to prepare "copy" for the purpose of selling a parcel of duneland acreage, which Mr. Perkins had bought mainly as a shooting preserve.

When Mr. Perkins read the article he was astonished to find what an attractive piece of property he owned. He decided not to sell, but to establish a summer colony with diversified forms of recreation. Originally this area was pine forest. The present growth is largely oak which often follows pine and is an 86 year stand of timber. When purchased by Mr. Perkins the land was considered waste land as all the pine trees had been cut down for telegraph poles.

Over the strip of ground skirting the lake roamed the Ottawas, Pottawattomie and Chippewa Indian tribes. We have two trees in the village that give proof of Indians in this area. One is next to Royal at the playground and the other is on the property of Dr. William Kagianas. Both trees were bent in their youth so the main trunk would grow horizontal to the ground and the branches straight up. This was a method used by the Indians to mark important spots. The tree on Dr. Kagianas' property marked a spring that did not go dry.

Floyd Perkins formed a company with George H. Ely and they bought patch after patch of this tax title land until they had four miles of beach. Mr. Phillip Hesse, father of Mrs. W. G. Suthers on Lakeview, their agent and manager, developed

the property, building roads, waterworks, bridges, cottages and golf courses. Over four thousand trees had to be cut down to make the courses.

Before 1907 a carload of 20 portable cottages was purchased from Sears and Roebuck. These were put up by Mr. Hesse and his was the first family to live in the village. Their first home was located on the point just above the place where the old Pavilion once stood. This is now the grassed area belonging to Mrs. Martha Wilke. In a short time Mr. Hesse built a lovely family home on Royal. We are all familiar with his motto

"Let me live in a house
By the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

Whitewood was the first ^{Cement Walk}road. It ran grapevine fashion weaving in and out around the trees, ^{later} Royal was cut through. To get to the improvised little train depot one walked on a single plank around the trees which was no easy matter when dense darkness came on. Grand Beach was the first resort between here and Michigan City. In these early days in lieu of waterworks there was a town pump where all the women from the little cottages congregated to draw water and gossip. People came in great numbers to buy a home and live in this delightful spot.

The season of 1911 saw 28 privately owned cottages besides the portable cottages owned by the Grand Beach Co. and rented to visitors. The owners of some of these homes are important in the development of the area for thirty years and more. They are (the names in parenthesis are the present owners) Van Pelts (Roberts), Hesses (Joseph McGah), Elys (Hills), Perkins (Kickerts), Micklerrys (Hoiss), Thomas (Anderson), and Atwells (LaRose). The Grand Beach Co. opened the first nine hole golf course that year. It covered 75 acres and was built at a cost of \$10,000. The links were in the form of a double triangle and extended inland from the railroad station. Mr. Perkins played the first round of golf and John Rohde, then 8 years old was his caddy.

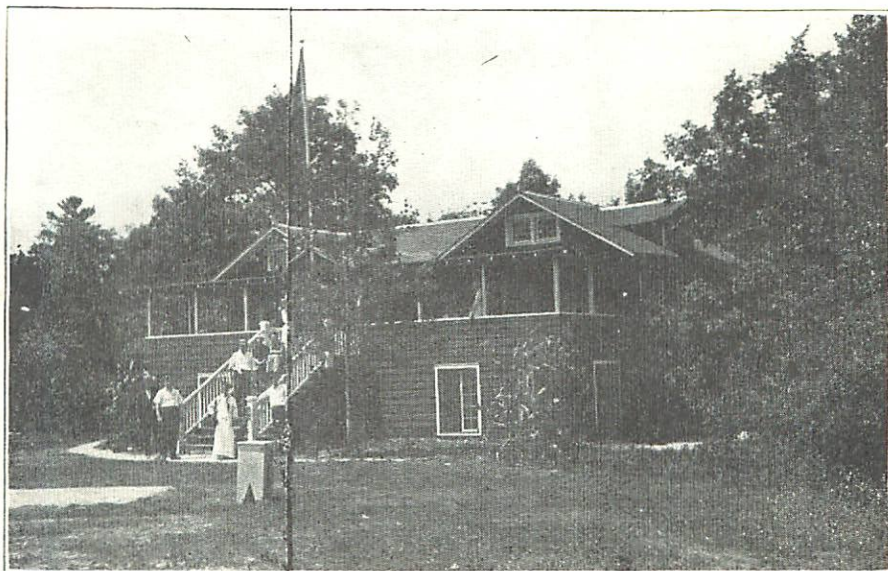
Yes, I said railroad station because at that time the Michigan Central had scheduled stops right outside our gate. Trains left Chicago at 7:10 A.M., 1:10 P.M. and 3:15 P.M. daily and left Grand Beach at 8:26 A.M., 3:48 P.M. and 6:03 P.M. The trip took 75 min. Misters Perkins, Ely, and Hesse made the trip by car one day in 3 ½ hours. Many times during the next twenty years specially chartered excursion trains stopped at the gate loaded with people coming to the village for a day of golf.



MICHIGAN CENTRAL TRAIN STATION AT GRAND BEACH

Alighting from the Michigan Central train you would find two gates with massive concrete posts bidding you enter. Once inside you note the 8th green of the golf grounds with its pergola, a place to rest. A fine macadam road 25 feet wide had been built all the way from the station to the Dining Hall. A new cement sidewalk had been laid on Perkins and on Whitewood. The Grand Beach Co. had many cottages that it rented out using the Dining Hall for meals and as an office and lobby (for you newcomers this site is where the homes of Dr. Kenneth Poust and William Hartigan Jr. now stand). The entire tract of land owned by the Grand Beach Co. was 700 acres. The land where the Y Camp now stands was originally part of this tract.

The first clubhouse, located at the corners of Royal and Crescent, was modern throughout (for 1911) and equipped with lockers and shower baths. There was a lower level and a main floor and the two were divided, one side for the men and the other for women. In the men's locker room on the lower floor were provisions for social gatherings, while considerable space on the main floor was devoted to a lounge, where the women who did not wish to play golf could play bridge or they could spend their time on the big porch.

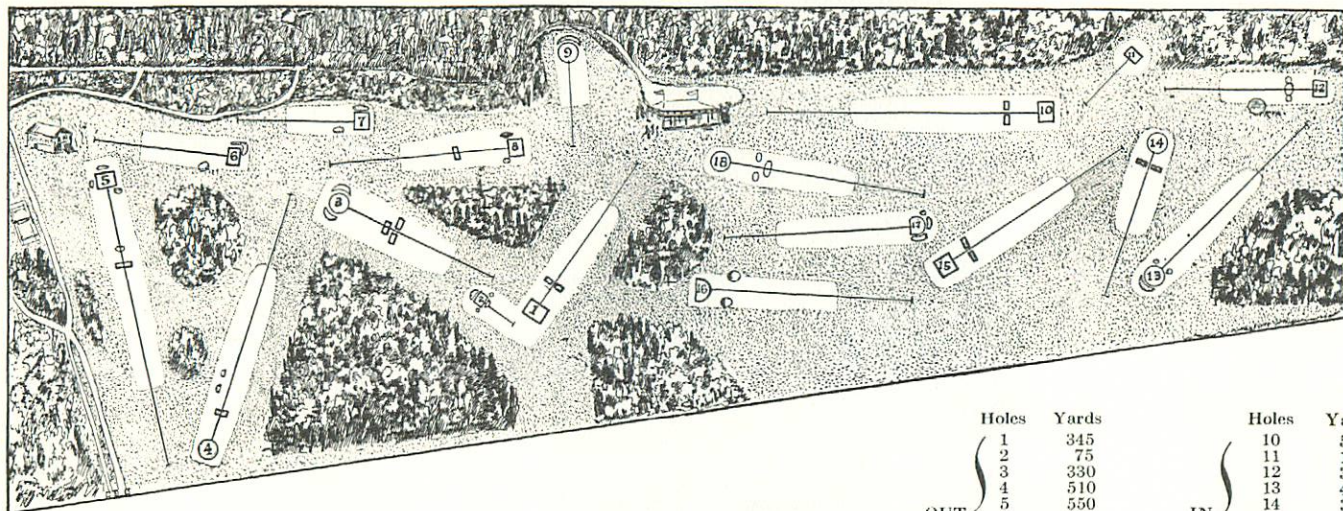


ORIGINAL CLUBHOUSE, LATER CALLED GOLF INN,
CORNER OF CRESCENT AND ROYAL

The course was installed for the cottage owners and their friends, and was in no sense to be considered a public course, as no person was allowed within the grounds at any time, unless by invitation from the Grand Beach Co. or one of the cottage owners.

The management of Grand Beach put 68 more lots on sale at this time, many of which were facing the new golf course. A new road called Crescent Road produced some of these sites.

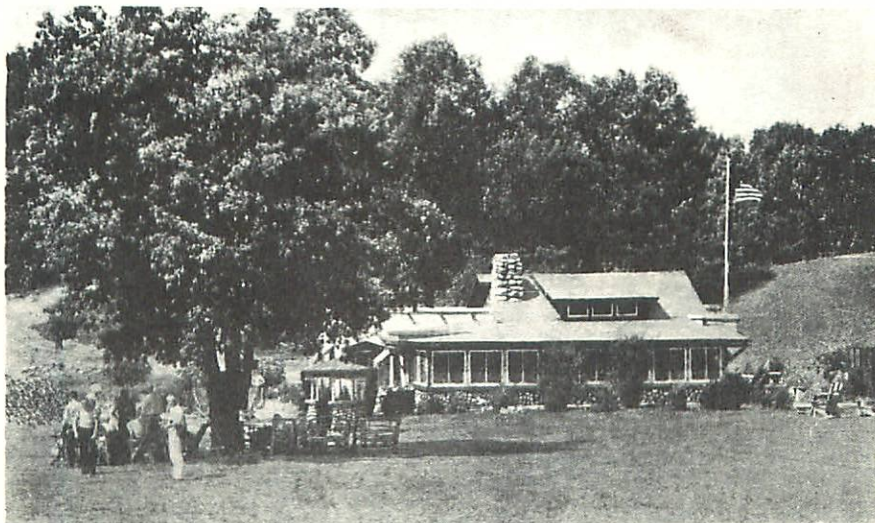
A PEN AND INK SKETCH OF OUR 18-HOLE GOLF LINKS



	Holes	Yards		Holes	Yards
OUT	1	345	IN	10	530
	2	75		11	135
	3	330		12	300
	4	510		13	420
	5	550		14	310
	6	270		15	405
	7	240		16	400
	8	355		17	370
	9	185		18	390
		2860			3260
TOTAL LENGTH 6120 YARDS					

The second nine, of 3260 yds. was located across the open fields to the northeast of our present course. This area had a natural spring so we even had a water hole out there. The original club house, called Golf Inn, was used as bachelor quarters for men who came for golf week-ends. The Lodge was built at the corner of Royal and Lakeview and the Dining Hall had a capacity of 300 people. There were electric lights, long distance telephones, and a water system.

The Grand Beach Grocery, George W. Rannpage proprietor, came into existence in 1916. Mr. Rannpage was also station master for many years. By 1917 Grand Beach had grown and changed considerably. Three new homes by Frank Lloyd Wright were built. These are presently owned by Louis Briatta, Mrs. Frank Walsh, and Dr. W. Kagianas. The golf course had grown to 18 holes and the Club House had changed to the location it kept for 45 years, between the 8th tee and the 9th green.



SECOND CLUBHOUSE

In 1919 the World War was over and the Beach was booming with many new houses. Trevor Arnett put his on the 7th hole and Dr. A. E. Stewart and Clarence Olsen decided to have their homes on the lake. G. T. Schulz began to build at the corner of Perkins and Oak. Improvements were being made on the homes of E. J. Walsh on Pine and the Mudge house on Perkins. The Olsen, Gilbert, Thayer, Walsh-Laird, Arnett - Frugel, and Ely - Hills homes are still in the hands of the original families after fifty years.

At this time and for a short time the Grand Beach Family Golf and Country Club took over promotion of the area; H. R. Kent, president, C. A. Channel, vice-president and T.

Arnett, secretary-treasurer. The average building lot would cost about \$2,000. 00. A pier was built extending 200 feet into the lake and about 20 feet wide. It was dedicated with speeches by Judge Thomas F. Scully and the Honorable Phil Hesse. His Honor had just been appointed Justice of the Peace for the area as well as being Postmaster and builder. It was an unwritten rule that when on the pier introductions were not necessary.



THE PIER IN THE EARLY '20's. TO THE RIGHT IS THE DINING HALL AND TO THE LEFT THE PAVILION

The very old-timers of Grand Beach should remember the Pavilion around which centered all the social activities of the Beach for many years. This building originated in 1912 and was with us until the middle 1920's, it is not to be confused with the Village Hall that we of the '40's and '50's remember. The Pavilion was a large structure that looked not unlike a ship aground. It was devoted altogether to recreation. It had a fine dance floor that covered one half of the floor space. The other half afforded a gallery with tables and chairs, for those who came to look on and to visit with their friends. Everyone came down in the evenings, sauntered out on the pier and later dropped into the Pavilion. Ice Cream and soft drinks were sold here.

This structure was also the scene of many of the "off the Street Club Benefit" Bazaars. The Club in Chicago, of which Mr. Frank Thomas was the leader, was the special philanthropy of the Grand Beach people. The first bazaar, in 1916, netted \$75.00. Some of the workers were Mrs. Anna Brown, Mrs. Royal Dickson and Miss Marie Hesse. There were booths for fancy work, candy, glassware, soap, vegetables (contributed by the local farmers) and a bake sale. A small fee for dancing, baseball, swimming and side shows brought in quite a sum of money. Everyone helped and entered into the spirit of the day.

In 1917 the Benefit was held at the Channel house. Some of the helpers were Mrs. Harry Gilbert, Mrs. Edward Walsh, Mrs. Anna Brown, Miss E. Hesse and Miss Elizabeth Alexander. The last of the ten annual bazaars netted \$2,661.15.

Grand Beach like Topsy "just grew". Its development was without plan; thus in time there were many changes which had to be made to fit the changing conditions. The post office had a migratory habit in its beginning years. The first was a small rustic shelter on the old Michigan Road. Before Highway 12 across the tracks came into existence our inside road was M-11 and the main highway to Central and Northern Michigan. The resorters congregated out there each morning to meet the mail carrier.

When an official postmaster was appointed, he built a small one room post office on Royal. This room is now part of Inglewood Cottage owned by the Pranes. When the Lodge was built for the Administrative building, by the Grand Beach Co. the post office moved into it for a short time. It was then in Carter Villa (the Stewart house on Royal) and in the cottage known as Harmony Lodge for awhile. In about 1927 it moved into the north end of the Civic Center (Village Hall).

The roads had been cut through the timber and were narrow to accommodate the horse and buggy age. Mr. F. R. Perkins brought the first automobile to the area. Then the roads were widened by cutting trees, to meet the needs of the new transportation.

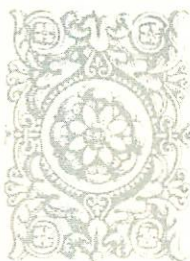
The postmaster's daughter (Marie Hesse Suthers) met the trains and conveyed the passengers in a spring wagon to the dining room to register and later to the little one or two room cottages which served originally as hotels. Each little cottage bore the name of a flower that is a native of Grand Beach.

Many of the early settlers in Grand Beach came to the area because they were nature lovers. The dogwood and the shadberry trees bloomed in the spring. There were such wild flowers as white trillium, columbine, cardinal flower, Queen Anne's lace, violets, goldenrod and many others. Some people used to lose their way in the dense woods across the creek, so a rope was strung along the path that led to the old pine Indian Signal Tree, which was a community landmark in Michiana Shores. This was called the string walk.

During the early '20's a ski jump was built in Grand Beach. It attracted many famous skiers and the Norgie Ski Club had many of their meets here at the time. The jump started high on the dune behind the Golfmore Hotel and came down across the creek. The Dining Room was opened to supply the skiers and visitors with coffee and sandwiches. The trains were very busy during the winter with special excursions.



SKI JUMP



The Golfmore Hotel

The hotel was built about 1921 by the Grand Beach Co. then consisting of Mr. Perkins and associates. Mr. Ely was not a part of this venture. The construction company employed for this project was the Rowley Bros. of Hammond. This family later owned a house on Whitewood. This imposing structure of stone, brick and stucco, with 175 rooms was on the lake just across the creek. Visitors had their choice of the hotel or Pinewood Inn (which had been in use until very recently) as well as the cottages on Royal, Whitewood and Ely. Guests would cross a sturdy bridge over the creek from the hotel or the Inn to the large Dining room. Later a Dining room was built in the hotel overlooking the lake. Most people dressed formally for dinner.

The hotel opened in the middle of May and closed the end of September. In the late 1920's Dave Brown was the golf pro and in charge of the then 27 holes. We even had a caddy master. Between 25 and 30 people were employed besides the cleaning staff. All of the top people had quite a bit of experience in hotel work. Invitations were always open to the cottage owners and their friends to enjoy the full facilities for dancing, dining, bridge, horse back riding or the golf courses.

Golfmore Hotel Social and Entertainment Calendar Summer Season 1929

Sunday	8:00 AM	Mass	Dining Pavilion
	3:30 PM	Concert	Hotel Lounge
	8:30 PM	Movie	Dining Pavilion
Monday	8:00 PM	Bridge	Hotel Lounge
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Ladies Golf	
	2:00 PM	Ladies Golf followed by Bridge	Golf Inn
	9:00 PM	Dancing	Dining Pavilion
Wednesday	8:00 PM	Bridge and Games	Hotel Lounge
	9:00 PM	Dancing	Hotel Terrace
Thursday	2:00 PM	Bridge and Games	Hotel Terrace
	8:30 PM	Movie	Dining Pavilion
Friday	8:00 PM	Bridge and Games	Hotel Lounge
	9:00 PM	Dancing	Hotel Terrace
Saturday	9:00 PM	Dancing	Dining Pavilion

An eight piece band was employed by the Golfmore to play for all the dances. They also played during all the dinner hours. They lived in one of the cottages for the season.

On April 9, 1927 the Grand Beach Co. went into receivership. At that time it owned the Golfmore Hotel, the Golf Inn, Pinewood Inn, the dining hall, the Lodge and the 9 hole golf course as well as quite a bit of undeveloped land. All of these places were running at full capacity during the summer but a four month season was just too short for all the debts. The Grand Rapids Trust Company was appointed by the Federal Court to take over the management of the property. For the next ten years the property went in and out of receivership a number of times. When the Trust Company was in charge S.S.

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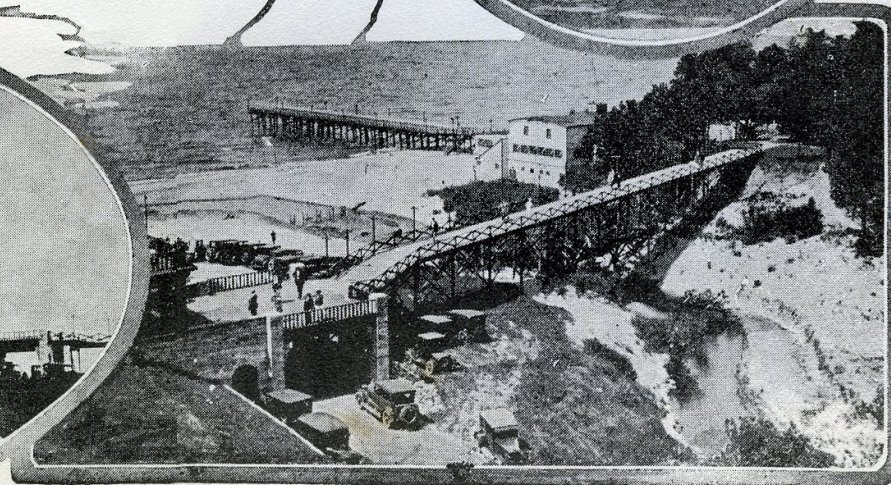
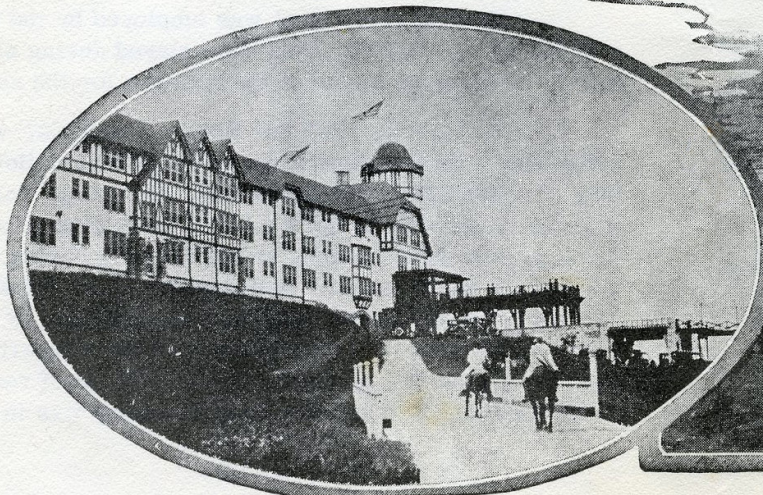
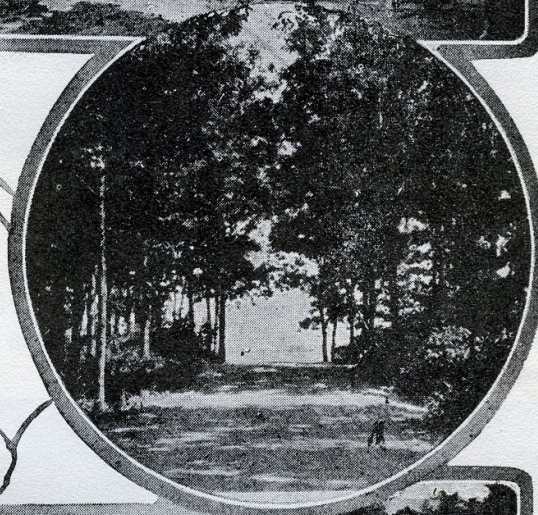
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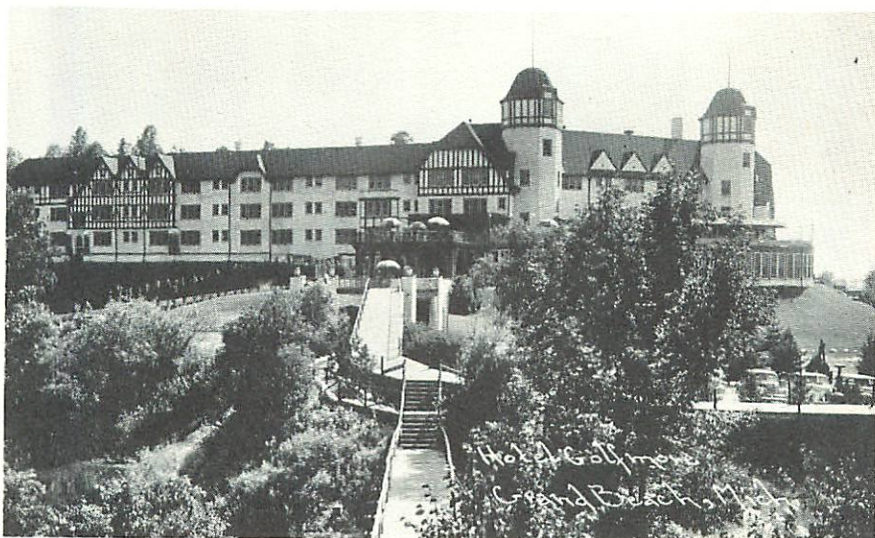
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GOLFMORE HOTEL

Clark was manager. Some of the time C. S. Abbott and his brother Fred had everything. The Golfmore Hotel continued to be very popular as a resort until it burned during the night of November 19, 1939. At that time everything was owned by Albert E. Berger.



THE END OF AN ERA



Chartered as a Village

In the late 1920's and early '30's the Grand Beach property owners Association was formed and Helen Brown, Mrs. L. Noble, W. J. Moore, Peter Meyn and others tried to collect money from all the owners for the repairs needed in the village. This was not always possible and at the end of some years a few would have to donate more to keep the area going. This was the reason it was decided to have the area become an incorporated Village in 1934. Mrs. Helen Brown worked very hard to bring this about.

The first election was held in the fire house on August 19, 1934. Mistfers Mudge, Dalaney, Boyce and Smith and Mrs. Brown were elected. Mrs. Brown was Secretary-Treasurer and Village Clerk at the time. Those who have served as Village Presidents have been Harry M. Smith, William Neubuer, John Bickel, McHenry, William Wilke, Jr. and Harry Wildermuth. Other councilmen who have served for many years are A.M. Alexander, Fred J. Casey, Trevor Arnett, Emmett Martin, E. F. Quinn, Kenneth Poust, and Harry Halgren.

Our present Village Council is made up of Harry Wildermuth, Kenneth McDermott, Peter Lowery, Richard Sweney, and Kenneth Hurlburt. They work summer and winter with very little encouragement and deserve all the praise and thanks we can give them for their efforts for the betterment of the Village.

The Late '20's and Early '30's

Harry Gilbert, Jr. took a very active part in the activities of the Beach. He sponsored several swimming meets, managed the G. B. baseball nine, and directed one of the greatest tennis tournaments ever staged here. During these years many people were much more interested in tennis than the Villagers are now. Others who joined Harry on the courts were Betty Dixon, Bill Wilkie III, Phyllis Horton, Grant Clark, Martha Wilke, and Pat Gately, Evelyn W. Laird was ladies' tennis champion for three years.

The Scofields built their first lake front house in 1927, also the Mickleberrys, (who had been in the area for over 10 years in one of the original portable houses) now built a lovely permanent home. Probably the most pretentious house was located on the ridge overlooking the 7th green. Charles Channel was founder of the nationally known O'Cedar Mop Company. The house was originally built before 1920 but in 1930 it was completely rebuilt. It had 26 rooms, besides many spacious closets and eight private baths. It was a three story structure with a basement. The grounds were newly landscaped and there were tennis courts. Mr. Channel's estate on Perkins was purchased in 1942 by the Village at a tax sale. The house had become a hazard and had to be torn down. This is the property on which our present Village Hall now stands.

Grand Beach has always been very golf conscious and at this time there was an 18 hole private course and a 9 hole course all owned by the owners of the Golfmore, with Bill Hall as the Pro. Some of those seen constantly on the courses were Clarence Neff, Ann Hayes, Al Bono, Ken Moore, Wallie Stringfellow, Fred, John and Betty Mudge, Catherine Lee, Phyllis and Tod Horton, Lucille Clark, George Dors, Ben Budinger and Henry McGurren.

In 1935 Fred Casey and Ben Budinger asked Tod Horton to donate a permanent cup for the winning team in the Color Tournament. That year the tournament ended in a tie between

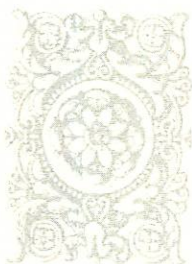
Tod Horton's team and Al Gillion's so the teams had to play one another once again to break the tie. The first names to go on the cup were:

H. B. Horton
A. V. Pleasance
Fred Casey
John Fox, Jr.
Joe Sullivan

Our first fire truck was obtained in 1930 by Peter Foote and John Mudge. John Rohde was the police officer with Albert Clark as his assistant. Many of us remember Grandpa Clark as our policeman even in the late '40's. Mrs. Iva Oliver, our present postmistress, is his daughter and many years ago was employed by the Golfmore. At this time Bill Behr was Superintendent of Maintenance for the Village.

It is difficult to try to mention all of the names that were important in the Village during these years but to those already mentioned must be added Alexander, Trego, Van Allen, Bomer, Bagley, Gately, Merrill, Boyce, Cotter, Canepa, Fox, Betz, Ruschli, Mooney, Mallory, Dreesen, Kenny.

In 1935 J. J. Fox, Sr. was the architect for St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Buffalo.



And Through to Now

In the middle of the 1930's the Villagers began contributing to a joint fireworks display as we still do today. This method of celebrating the holiday has no doubt contributed to the Village's excellent safety record during the holiday. The first annual Fourth of July Dinner was held in 1951.

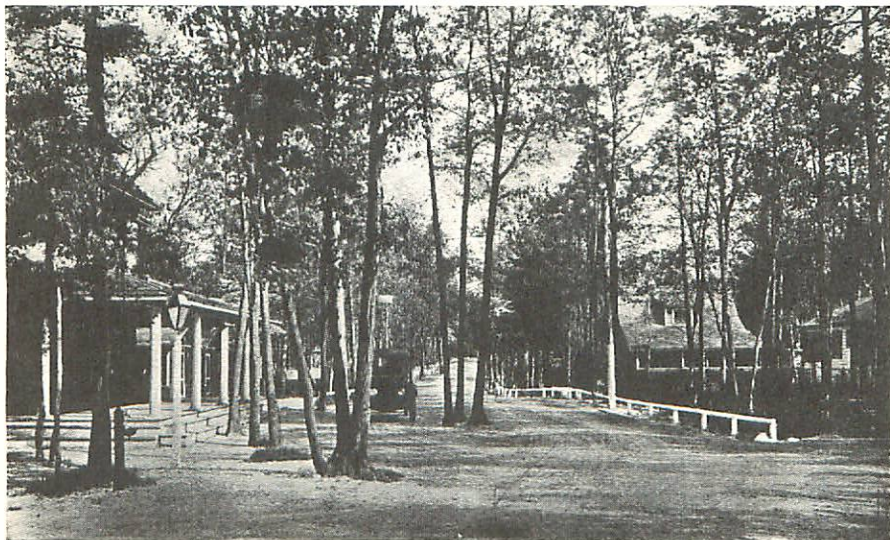
In 1938 a tennis tournament was held for the girls and boys of the Village. Mrs. Harry Gilbert, Sr. donated a trophy for the girls. The participants were: Sally, Pat, and Cissy Fox, Joan O'Brien, Rita, Mary and Betty Prindiville, Virginia and Louise Dickson, Betty Betz, Grace Boyce, Barbara Ruschli, Helen Gross, Kay Edwards, Marge Delaplane, Mary Al Kinnare, Katherine Slaughter, Joan Murry, Gerry O'Neil, Dort Behr, and Jeanne Budinger. The boys were: Joe Sullivan, Jack Land, John Murry, Jack Kinnare, Huey Steffes, Bub Coyle, Dick Crawford, Herb and David Cattele, Bub Delaplane, Bill Hunter, Dick Nutt, Dick Hill, Frank Healy, George Eversam, Bob Postell, Bob and Bill Clauson, Bud and Bill Mickelberry, Buddy Bell, Bob Houts, Jack Mooney, Greg Moran, Russ Hastings, and Bill Thayer. Bob Postell won the boys' tournament and the girls Gerry O'Neil.

In 1940 Grand Beach golf fans had to limit their talents to the first nine only. Financial conditions and the amount of prospective customers forced the owners to limit the upkeep to half the course. The golf course was under the supervision of Bill Behr, Jr. managing the affairs of the club house. Fees were 50¢ for nine holes or \$1.00 for all day.

The first of the Ladies Bingo evenings was held in 1940 with Mrs. Cotter and Mrs. Scofield in charge. These were originally held on Tuesday nights and only changed to Thursday a few years ago. Previous to this the ladies had met regularly for bridge.

Martha Ruschli was very helpful in the Village all during the 1940's and most of the '50's. Her Sunday night sings for the young people and adults who were young at heart bring back pleasant memories. In '41 one hundred and sixty people attended one of the Sings. Mrs. Gilbert, and Mrs. Doyle accompanied Martha at the piano. Everyone enjoyed the singing and listened attentively to her short stories and took the morals home to think about. It was an honor to be asked to pass music books or to arrange chairs. Each week Martha picked out one child whom she considered the best behaved girl or boy in the Village that week. She also took charge of many of the Wednesday Night Children's Parties and contributed to the Breeze.

New names in the Village at this time were: Housts, Hunter, Doyle, Kinnare, O'Brien, Nutt, Rowley, Martin, and Anderson.



THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE LODGE

Art Lockwood of Chicago purchased the Lodge and turned it into a hotel. It had been a private home in the '30's. It was later owned and run as a Lodge by the Van Dusers until it was torn down in 1967.

World War II saw a deficit of boys in the Village. The Grand Beachers in the various branches of the service were Gene and Huey Steffes, Ed Trego, Roy Swan, Bud and Bill Michelberry, Bill Behr, Bob Clauson, John Hayes, Hank Dixon, Harry Gilbert, Harry Delaplane, Bill Hartigan, Tom Scully, Bill Hills, Bill Suthers, Lee Berry, Jack Kinnare, John Rohde, Jr., Allen Dickson, Bill Martin, Bob Sosjstrom, Bill Treacy, and Dick Nutt. Visiting servicemen included Bill Deiter and Maurice O'Conner. Those at home didn't just sit still, the men met every Monday night for First Aid training and the women gathered at the Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons for Red Cross work.

Always with us are the new names in the Beach. Just before the war they were: the Kickerts, Kellys, Murphys, Corrigan, Quinns, Hartigans, Bickels, Lambertys, and Wildermuths. During the War the Roberts, Donnellan, Smith, Clasen, Young, Grace, Lawson, and Ketcham families came to the Village.

The Village Hall for the '30's and '40's and '50's was located on the lake at the southwest end of the Village. This was originally the dining room and was in later years called the Pavilion but was not the original Pavilion. In the '30's the downstairs was used as a night club, later this area was not in use. Upstairs a small section of the building was used as the Post Office and another section was the store. There was a soda fountain, juke box and the young people congregated here.

The largest area in the building was the social center of the Village. This was windowed on three sides and gave a beautiful view of the creek and lake. The hall was almost constantly in use; Sunday night sing; movies in the '50's; Tuesday ladies Bingo, Wednesday children's party and Saturday dance. There were also Bake Sales and the Golf Dinner. These dinners started between 40 and 50 years ago.



CIVIC CENTER ON THE LAKE

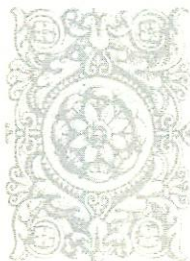
The building boom of the late '40's brought many new families to Grand Beach. Among them were the Walter Sweeney's, the Luke Brennan's, the Speedy Iavaronne's, the Bob Kenny's and the Bob Widerborgs.

The new area of Holiday Hills was opened in 1957. One of the streets is McKean Drive after Arch McKean who owns the first house built in the area. Before this section was leveled it consisted of rolling sand dunes. The highest dune was called Ski-Hi and offered an opportunity for the Villagers to enjoy an open area. The young people had beach parties near the water in front of Ski-Hi, children took picnic lunches and spent the afternoon rolling down the dune. There was very little vegetation and in the winter people were known to ski and toboggan down the slope. It is unfortunate that the children of today haven't such a play area available to them.

Those in uniform during the Korean War were Jim Corrigan, Bob Kinnare, Bob Dunne, Wal Sweeney, Bob Anderson, Harry Kenny, Don Crowley, Jack Corrigan, Rudy Bette, Lloyd Schultz, Bob Young and Buzz O'Brien.

The John Rohde Civic Center was dedicated in 1960. It houses our social center as well as the club house and the post office. This building has a lovely view of the golf course.

Another new sub-division has been started in recent years called Sun Valley Falls.



Romance in Grand Beach

The first wedding in the Village was on August 24, 1915 between Louise Wilson and Royal C. Dickson. The cottage has since been torn down but it stood where the Wilke property is now. The Dickson's have been here every summer since, so they have certainly seen changes.

Hamilton Laird and Evalyn Walsh were married in the home of her parents on Pine on August 8, 1925. They had met at the Golfmore Hotel and the orchestra from there played. About 100 guests came from Chicago and another 200 from Grand Beach.

Margaret Rose (Peggy) Lyon was married May 28, 1938 to Clarence S. Alexander at Lyon's Lair Cottage. The wedding breakfast which followed was held at Wildwood Inn on Route 20 on the way to South Bend.

Elizabeth Mudge was married on the grounds of her home, the White House, now owned by Fred Perkins. The String Orchestra from the University of Chicago played.

Jane Mickelberry was married on the lawn of her grandmother's home, Mt. Airy on Lakeview.

Florence and C. C. Prendergast spent their honeymoon at the Golfmore Hotel.

The following people met in Grand Beach and were later married:

Louisa Crews and Dick Austin
Barbara Rushli and Bill Mickelberry
Betty Alexander and John Blair
Rita Prindiville and John (Bud) Dreesen
Glynnis Crawford and Dick Nutt
Joan O'Brien and Jack Mooney
Ann Poust and Jack Lane
Peggy Lane and Pete Murphy
Peggy Kelly and Jack Grace
Carol Moriarty and Ted Sweeney
Gail Widerborg and Harold Kickert



Peter on the Spot

If someday it should be my fate
To stand beside the pearly gate
I'd shout "Hi! Peter, old scout, Come out!

I need a lot of information
Before I file my application
For your eternity vocation

(There's no doubt that this line of talk
Would hand St. Peter quite a shock,
But I'd explain and ease the strain.)

"Peter I know you are a peach
I'm glad that heaven's within my reach
But, Peter, I'm from Grand Beach!

Have you dunes of clear, white sand
Up there in the Promised Land?
Miles of beach with shells like pearls,
Lots of lovely bathing girls?

A huge, clean, cool refreshing lake,
Beach suppers with hamburger steak
Sunsets in a cloud strewn sky,
Home grown cherries in home-made pie?

Corn on the cob and new potatoes
Cucumbers and ripe tomatoes?
Fruits in season, endless bounty
As we have in Berrien County?

A sheriff like our Mr. Clark
Watching over us after dark?
Alexander and Neubauer
Working for us by the hour?

Smith, Dalaney, Casey, too
Putting some new ordinance thru?
And John Rohde, bless his heart
Always glad to do his part.

Peter, don't you think I'm hard to please
But we must have all these
And Moore too, a social club
(Where we don't let in every dud)

Unless you have all these, dear Peter,
I fear your heaven is incomplete.
Forgive me, please, this dissertation,
Give me Grand Beach and reincarnation.

This is a poem written by Royal C. Dickson for the Breeze some years ago. I think it says what many of us would like to say today, just change a few names.

I would like to say thank you to the following people who have helped me in this undertaking, Evalyn Laird, Marie Behr, Mr. and Mrs. Hills, Helen Brown, Marie Suthers, and Eileen Healy.

I would also like to say that I tried to put in many names but I am sure many were left out especially during the more recent years. I am sorry about this but to include everyone would have been almost an impossibility.

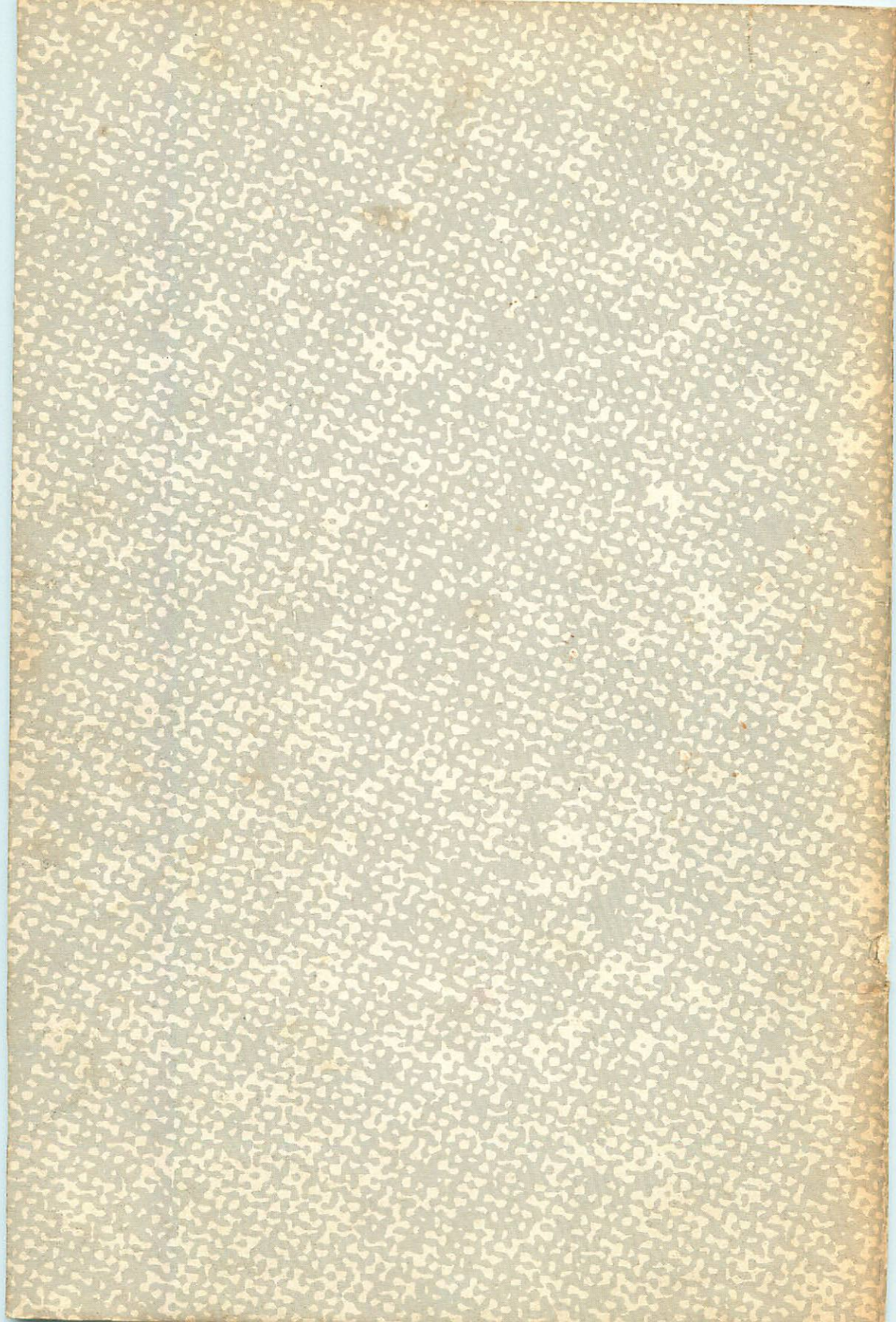
I want to give recognition to Thelma and John Rohde for their many years of service to the Village.

I am ending this with the hope that in the future someone might wish to add to or continue what I've started.

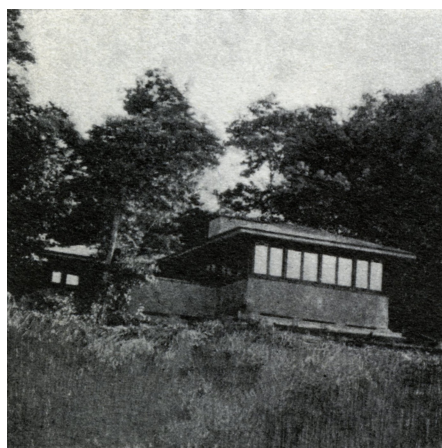
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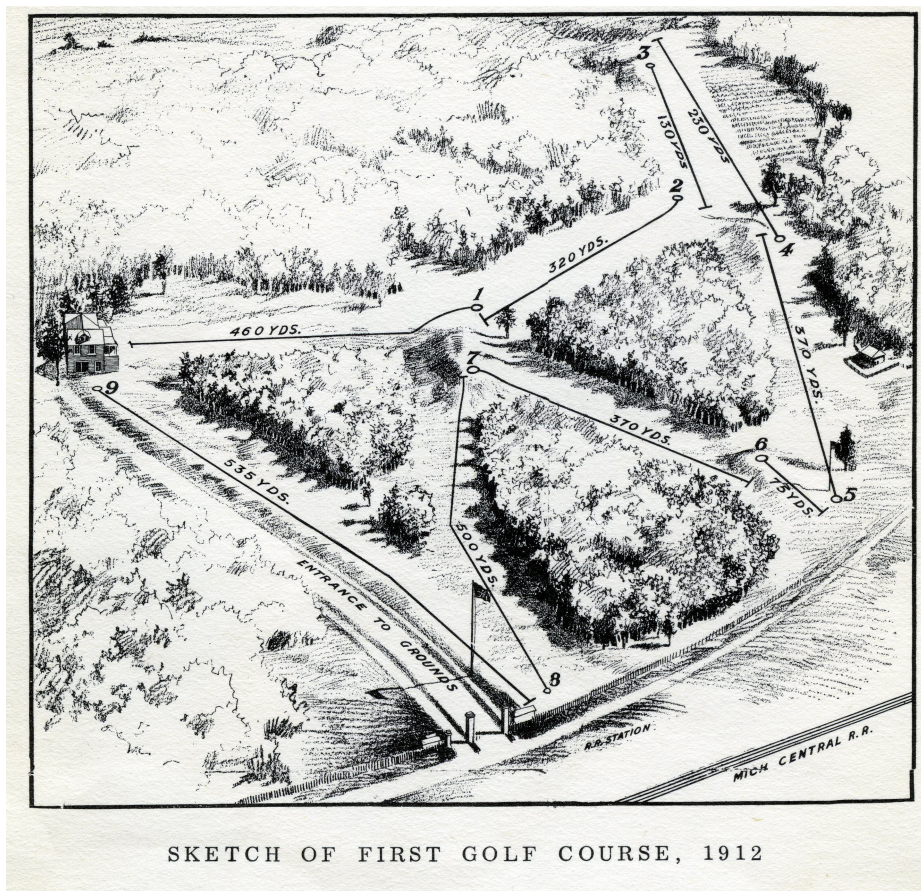
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